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SUBJECT: MOREHOB LEADER'S VISIT TO HOLLAND

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1. EDUARDO MOHA, IDENTIFIED AS FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF SPANISH SAHARAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT, MOREHOB, (REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT OF THE BLUDE MEN), WAS IN THE HAGUE IN MID-JANUARY TO PUBLICIZE HIS MOVEMENT. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED INTERVIEWS WITH HIM AND BACKGROUND STORIES ON SPANISH SAHARA JAN 16, AND THE LARGEST DUTCH TRADE UNION FEDERATION (NVV) DEVOTED FULL PAGE IN ITS WEEKLY NEWSPAPER JAN 31 TO HIS VISIT.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, MOHA, WHO LIVES IN BRUSSELS,
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SEES HIS IMMEDIATE TASK AS MOBILIZING WORLD OPINION ON

SPANISH SAHARA--A TASK MADE DIFFICULT, HE SAID, BECAUSE HIS ORGANIZATION IS UNABLE TO ENGAGE IN SPECTACULAR GUERRILLA ACTIONS. INHOSPITABLE TERRAIN AND A LACK OF WEAPONS CITED AS REASONS FOR RESTRICTING ACTIONS TO OCCASIONAL ACTS OF SABOTAGE.

3. ARTICLES EMBASSY HAS SEEN, WHILE SIMILAR IN SOME RESPECTS TO "CAMBIO 16" ACCOUNT REPORTED REFTEL, SEEM TO EMPHASIZE TO GREATER EXTENT SPANISH FASCISM AND ECONOMIC COLONIALISM (SPANISH, US, GERMAN, JAPANESE). MOHA QUOTED AS SAYING, "YES EVEN THE RUSSIANS" ARE AFTER SAHARA PHOSPHATES AND FISH. RATHER THAN SINGLE OUT DANGER OF MOROCCAN TAKE OVER (PARA 2 REFTEL) MOHA EXPRESSED BITTERNESS AT ALL OF SPANISH SAHARA'S NEIGHBORS, CLAIMING THAT, BECAUSE OF SPAIN'S MIDDLE EAST POLICIES, NO ARAB COUNTRIES WERE WILLING OFFEND FRANCO. "WE ARE VICTIMS IN A POLITICAL GAME IN THE MIDDLE EAST." ARABS, INCLUDING MOROCCO, MAURITANIA, AND ALGERIA REFUSE TO GIVE MOREHOB WEAPONS. FEW COMMANDO ATTACKS OUT OF MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA HAVE TAKEN PLACE FOR PURELY INTERNAL REASONS, HE SAID.

4. ALTHOUGH ONE NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT MOHA PRESENTED A MEMORANDUM TO THE ICJ, PRESS OFFICER AT COURT SAYS THIS HAS NOT HAPPENED. ICJ OFFICIAL POINTED OUT THAT COURT ONLY DEALS WITH GOVERNMENTS OR UN BODIES. GOULD

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